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## SENATE RESOLUTION

DECLARING NOVEMBER AS "ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH" AND JUNE AS  
"ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF  
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Alzheimer's disease is  
2 a neurodegenerative disease that causes a person to  
3 progressively lose their memory and overall cognitive function  
4 over time, robbing a person of their short-term and long-term  
5 memory and significantly impacting their loved ones; and

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7 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of  
8 dementia, accounting for between 60 to 80 percent of all  
9 dementia cases; and

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11 WHEREAS, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's  
12 or some form of dementia every 65 seconds; and

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14 WHEREAS, there are currently 5.7 million people living with  
15 Alzheimer's in the United States, and the Alzheimer's  
16 Association projects that number to grow to 14 million by 2050;  
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19 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of  
20 death in the United States, killing more people than breast  
21 cancer and prostate cancer combined, with one out of three  
22 seniors dying from Alzheimer's disease according to the  
23 Alzheimer's Association; and

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25 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are 28,000 people aged  
26 65 and older with Alzheimer's disease living in Hawaii today;  
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29 WHEREAS, the number of individuals suffering from  
30 Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii is projected to increase to 35,000  
31 people by 2025; and



1 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimated that  
2 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia cost people in  
3 the United States a combined \$277 billion in 2018; and  
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5 WHEREAS, no cure is currently available for Alzheimer's  
6 disease, and the approximate cost of care for a person living  
7 with Alzheimer's is \$341,840; and  
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9 WHEREAS, nearly nine percent of people age 45 and older  
10 report experiencing confusion or memory loss with increasing  
11 frequency or severity, and more than 60 percent of those  
12 reporting have not talked to a health care provider about these  
13 conditions; and  
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15 WHEREAS, an early and accurate diagnosis could save up to  
16 \$7.9 trillion in medical costs; and  
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18 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan designated November as  
19 Alzheimer's Awareness Month nationally in 1983; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the public  
22 should be encouraged to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and  
23 other forms of dementia; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the month  
27 of November is declared as "Alzheimer's Awareness Month" to  
28 recognize the individuals and their families suffering from  
29 Alzheimer's disease; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the month of June is declared  
32 "Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Month" to encourage  
33 residents to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related  
34 ailments and to acknowledge and thank the Alzheimer's  
35 Association Aloha Chapter for providing access to resources and  
36 support to communities across Hawaii; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that designating June as  
39 "Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Month" will place  
40 individuals and their families on a path to managing disease-  
41 related challenges and encourage them to contact the Alzheimer's  
42 Association Aloha Chapter to access resources and receive



1 support for planning for the future and living well with  
2 Alzheimer's disease; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Executive  
6 Director of the Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter.  
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